AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that leprosy is on the rise in the tribal regions of Bihar; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to assess the magnitude of the problems and to provide necessary assistance to the Bihar Government to provide adequate medical care to the affected people and to Check it from spreading?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNAKUMAR): (a) and (b) There is no evidence to show that Leprosy is on the rise in the tribal regions of Bihar. As per decision of the Government of India all hyper-endemic districts with prevalance rate of 10 per 1000 are to be covered under Multi-Drug Treatment. Deoghar district in Bihar which is inhabited mostly by tribal population has been taken up under Multi-Drug. Another Tribal District Singhbhum is also proposed to be taken up shortly.

Following grants have been sanctioned to Bihar for Leprosy Programme:-

(In Lakhs)

Year	Kind	Cash	Total
1984-85	37.21	25.00	62.21
1985-86 . . . . . (Allocated)	38.00	26.00	64.00

Cash assistance is to develop infrastructure for treatments of leprosy patients.

Rail-cum-road bridge on Ganga

1841. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to construct a rail-cum-road bridge on Ganga Near Patna which would meet the requirements of defence of the north eastern region of the country; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to start on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) An Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey in connection with a rail bridge across the river Ganga near Patna is in progress. Survey is expected to be completed in the next year. Final decision on this project will be taken in consultation with Bihar Govt. after receipt and examination of the Survey Report, subject to its clearance by the Planning Commission and availability of funds.

Requirement of wagons

1842. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approximate number of railway wagons required by coal, cement, fertilizers, petroleum and the Food Corporation of India during the current year, separately;

(b) whether the Railways are in a position to provide them required wagons to move their goods and produce; and

(c) if not, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)

According to the availability of resources, Railways have, in consultation with the Planning Commission, fixed the following budget targets for rail movement of different commodities:

Coal—13250 wagons per day (in terms of broad gauge four-wheelers).

Cement—2000 wagons per day -do-

Fertilizers—1260 wagons per day -do-

Petroleum products—2250 wagons per day -do-

Foodgrains on Road Corporation of India Account—1930 wagons per day -do-

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Ticketless travelling in Railways

1843. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have recently conducted special checks in different zones against ticketless travel;

(b) if so, what is the number of special checks conducted during the last six months, month-wise; and

(c) what is the number of persons detected in each month and the amount realized from them month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Statistics regarding special checks are not readily available. However total number of checks, including Special checks conducted, number of persons detected travelling without ticket or with improper tickets and amount realized from them month-wise during the period April '85 to September '85 are shown in the Statement attached.

Statement

(Figures in Lakhs)

Month	Total number of checks conducted	No. of persons detected	Amount realised
April, 1985	0.23	3.75	82.42
May, 1985	0.24	3 97	89.75
June, 1985	0·25	4.04	87.83
July, 1985	0.26	4.19	83 57
August, 1985	0.29	4.18	83.97
September, 1985	0.20	4.00	84.21
TOTAL	1·55	24·24	511·75